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NEW TRAFFIC PATTERNS ON INTERSTATE 93 PROJECT IN MANCHESTER TRAFFIC SHIFT ONTO NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BRIDGES OVER BODWELL ROAD

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces traffic shifts on Interstate 93 in Manchester are scheduled to begin Thursday, November 1, 2001 in the area of Bodwell Road and the merge with Interstate 293.

Southbound traffic on I-293 will be the first lane to be directed onto the newly constructed section of highway. This is the first of several lane shifts necessary to move all traffic over the next few weeks.

The majority of the work on the project will continue during daytime hours. However, some night work will be required to facilitate these shifts.

Work on this project is more than half completed. It includes reconstructing, widening, and improving four bridges on the state's "Red List" and approximately 1.75 miles of I-93 northbound and southbound in the area of the merge with I-293. It also includes the reconstruction of approximately 1,000 feet of Bodwell Road and 300 feet of Corning Road.

Barletta Heavy Division of Manchester, New Hampshire is the general contractor for the \$14.2 million project, which is scheduled to be completed by July 2002.